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Shaffer House
Frostburg

mid-19th century

The Shaffer House is a mid-nineteenth century transitional Greek Revival-Italianate House. The building is two and a half stories high, three bays wide, and is constructed in brick laid in American Common Bond. The house is remarkable in that it retains much of its original external decoration. Most noteworthy is its fine bracketed cornice broken by a cross gable complete with fanlight.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Shaffer House

AND/OR COMMON

Skidmore House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

156 East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Darward Skidmore

Telephone #: 689-9838

STREET & NUMBER

Midlothian Post Office

CITY, TOWN

Midlothian

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 405

Folio #: 264

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

156 East Main Street in Frostburg, Allegany County, is located on the north side of the street between the intersections of Grant and Bowery Street.

The house is a mid nineteenth century transitional Greek Revival Italinatate structure with American Common bond brick construction. The structure is three bays wide with a dressed stone foundation. The building is two and a half stories high, with a cross gable on the symmetrical facade, and has an addition or square wing on the north side of the structure with a gable roof. The hip roof of the main facade is supported with brackets and the primary material is slate on the symmetrical facade with asphalt and tin on the rear wing. The center entranceway is recessed and includes a rectangular transom. The facade windows are double-hung wooden sashes with the first floor windows having four-over-six lights. The second floor windows have four-over-four lights with the central window having a hood supported by consoles. The window in the cross gable is a small semi-circular light. There is one corbeled brick chimney located in the interior of the structure.

The building is structually sound but alterations have been made to the porch and interior of the structure when converted for use of apartments.

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| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES mid 19th century

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

156 East Main Street is a mid nineteenth century transitional Greek Revival - Itallinate house. The house is one of a very few to retain much of its original external decoration with the exception of the newly built cement block porch that detracts from its beauty. Obviously a fine house in its day, the building was converted to apartments for college students recently by the present owner and the interior is rapidly crumbling. It would be a great loss to Frostburg's architectural heritage if the interior is allowed to deteriorate when the facade is in such a near original state and the opportunity for restoration so good.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 55' x 155'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

156 East Main Street

Boundary Lines East & West 55' Lines North & South 155'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/20/76

STREET & NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-vii-A-009

Liber-405

DATE: 4/12/76

Folio-264

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate

55' x 155'

NAME OF PROPERTY: 156 East Main St

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 156 East Main Street

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Darward Skidmore

ADDRESS: Middlethian, Maryland 21532

$2\frac{1}{2}$ STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: ON North Side of Structure a square wing

Dwelling Shape: square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
(☒) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

1st floor 4/6 - 2nd 4/4

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other(☒)
Plain pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South + North

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced()

PAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) With Brackets

original(☒) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Corners With Deck

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

Front + Rear PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORBELLED(☒) original() replaced(☒)

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior(☒)

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Apartments

Significance - Date - Architecture

Date Constructed - Mid 19th Century

Condition - Fair

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1st Floor - 4 Rms

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

2nd - 5 Rms

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?

Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing

How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition
Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

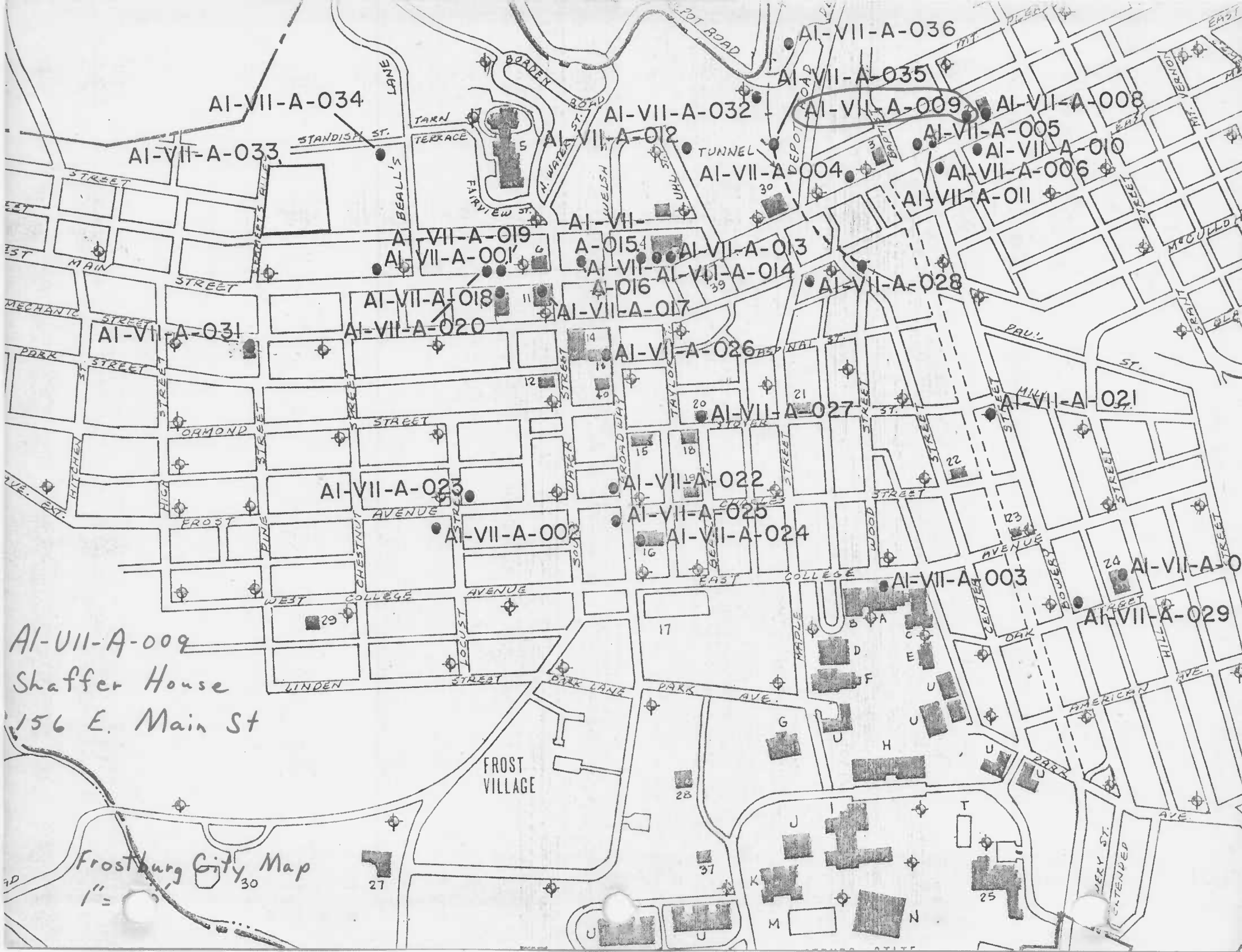
3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?



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156 E. Main St

FROST VILLAGE

Frostburg City Map
1" = 1/4"



Shaffer House

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156 East Main St. Frostburg

John E. Nelson

4/12/76

East



FIGURE 39

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156 EAST MAIN ST., FRISTBURG

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